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BEGONIAS

PLANTS AND SEEDS

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EARLY AND WELL KNOWN SPECIES

- acida.** Brazil. Creeping rhizomatous. Leaves large on short stems, bright green, roughly puckered. Flowers white and drooping on tall stems. 1.00
- acuminata.** A.B.S. seed. Similar to B. Lady Waterlow. Everblooming well branched. Flowers white tinted pink. Intermediate fibrous50
- acutangularis.** Tall fibrous cane-type. Stems angular, well branched Leaves glossy green with lighter veining, red beneath. Flowers small white in large clusters.50
- Angularis** (Zebrina) Brazil. Tall fibrous, branches drooping. Leaves pointed, green with gray veins. Flowers small white, clustered on short stems.... .50
- compta.** Tall fibrous cane, Light green leaves with gray veining, red beneath. White flowers in clusters... .50
- carpinifolia.** Fibrous, from Costa Rica, Stems and branches woody. Dark green beech-tree-like leaves. Flowers white. 1.00
- Dayii** A.B.S. seed. Mexico. Medium leafed rhizomatous. Glossy bright green leaves heavily marked with brown veins. Flowers greenish white small, in lacy clusters high above the foliage. 1.00
- dichotoma** (lindleyana) Venezuela. Large, robust, thick-stemmed fibrous. Short branches. Leaves roundish, green. Flowers creamy white75
- dipetala.** (Mrs. Kimball) Bombay. Rarely branches, thick-stemmed fibrous. Stems rigid. Bristly hairy. Flowers soft pink drooping clusters.75
- dregei.** South Africa. Small semi-tuberous. Small maple-shaped leaves in bronze green. Many branched. Flowers white on short stems.75

- floribunda** (multiflora rosea) Pink flowered form of *B. fuchsioides*. Leaves rose-like. Flowers pink in delicate clusters.50
- foliosa**. Early Columbia species. Bushy fern-like fibrous. Stems and branches arching, Small leaves. Tiny white flowers tinged with pink, single or in pairs on thread-like stems.75
- fuchsioides**. Mexico. Small leafed fibrous. Tall erect. Branches arching. Leaves small glossy dark green. Flowers bright scarlet, heart-shaped in nodding clusters75
- imperialis**. Native of Mexico and Brazil. Low-growing, small leafed rhizomatous. Velvety leaves in plush green mottled with silver. (Takes Saint Paulia culture). Fragrant small white flowers. 1.00
- imperialis-smaragdina**. Same in lovely green plush. 1.00
- imperialis variations**. Beautifully marked variations obtained by crossing the species. 1.00
- incarnata Sandersi**. The sturdy incarnata. Bushy small leafed fibrous. Well branched, narrow pointed light green leaves. Large pink flowers in terminal clusters.75
- incana**. Brazil. Thick stemmed fibrous. Few branched. Leaves leathery covered with tomentose. Peltate. Flowers large white on arching stems75
- involutrata**. Costa Rica. Thick stemmed fibrous. Soft hairy leaves, light green, lobed. Flowers in compact clusters.75
- Kellermani**. Guatemala. Entire plant covered with white surf. Fibrous. Suede-like peltate leaves, cupped. Flowers light pink.75
- Ludwigii**. Thick stemmed fibrous. Large maple-shaped leaves. Little branching. Likes winter rest. 1.00
- macBethi**. Small leafed semi-tuberous. Many branched. Leaves dainty maple-shaped. Flowers white in clusters close to foliage.50
- metallica**. Brazil. Erect fibrous. Bushy, hairy leaf in deep olive-green with metallic sheen, purple veined above, red veined beneath. Flowers large bright pink, darker pink and bearded without in large clusters.75
- multangula**. Semi-tuberous with small maple-like leaves in deep bronze. Many branched. Flowers white on short stems.50
- odorata alba**. Similar to *B. nitida* but hardier and stronger grower. Tall fibrous cane. Flowers white shaded to pink in many clusters. Fragrant.50
- ricinifolia**. Large leafed rhizomatous. Hardy. Bronze foliage. Flowers rose pink on tall stems.75
- ricinifolia-variegata**. Same as above but leaves covered with tiny white flecks. 1.00
- rubro-venia**. India. Intermediate fibrous. Many branched, Leaves pointed satiny green, sometimes red beneath. Flowers greenish white.75
- rubro-venia**. Silver leafed variation of above.75
- Scharffiana**. Low-growing and spreading fibrous. Stems red, hairy. Leaves densely covered with white hair, red underneath. New leaves like pink plush. Flowers pale pink in long arching stems. 1.00
- Schmidtiana**. Brazil. Dwarf fibrous. Many branched. Leaves rounded, dark green soft hairy, under margin of maroon. Flowers white in heavy clusters. .50
- strigillosa**. Medium leafed rhizomatous. Bright green leaves heavily flecked with chocolate. Compact growth. Flowers delicate pink. 1.00

- Florence Carrell.** Mrs. Frey's hybrid. Good bloomer with heavy clusters of salmony-pink flowers. Glossy green long leaves. Excellent hanging type.75
- undulata.** (perfecta-flora) Brazil. Cane-like small leafed fibrous. Light green pointed small leaves. Flowers large snow-white in pendulous clusters.50

EARLY HYBRIDS AND SELECTIONS

- Calla-lily begonia.** Variegated hardy tall semperflorens, new leaves suggestive of calla flower. Semperflorens culture. Flowers pink, red or white.75
- Catalina.** (improved digswelliana) Low spreading fibrous, glossy leaves slightly hairy, margins toothed. Intermediate type. Everblooming white flowers dark pink without.50
- corbeille de feu.** A French hybrid. Leaves oval glossy green. Few branching intermediate fibrous. Flowers coral-red in drooping clusters.50
- bijou de jardin.** (Jewel of the garden) French. Semperflorens group. Low compact miniature growth. Leaves small. Flowers tiny, loosely double in clusters of scarlet.50
- digswelliana.** English hybrid. Low bushy branches drooping. Leaves small, coarsely toothed glossy green. Flowers drooping long stemmed scarlet.75
- Frieda Grant.** Small fibrous of the B. Chiala group. Densely foliaged. Leaves narrow and wavy curving, green with red beneath. Flowers pinkish.75
- Rubellina.** English rhizomatous hybrid. Medium leaves, broad with pointed lobes, dark olive green chocolate-blotched. Flowers white. 1.00
- Ingrami.** Early English, small leafed fibrous. Tall and bushy. (Syn. robusta) Flowers deep pink on short stems.50
- Margaritae.** Bushy fibrous. French. Small hairy leaves, olive-green with purple veining beneath. Flowers deep pink bearded. opening to paler pink.50
- Marjorie Daw.** Hybrid of Mrs. Shepherd. Glossy green pendant leaves. Blooms with huge clusters of red flowers. One of the best hangers.75
- medora.** Chance seedling of Mrs. Gray's. Intermediate type fibrous. Stems erect. Leaves small, long triangular, silver spotted toothed and wavy. Stipules pinkish. Flowers pink.50
- Grandma Frey.** Origin unknown. Semperflorens inclined to creep. Foliage glossy green with bronze and red overcast. Red beneath. Leaves almost round. Flowers vivid red.50
- Nelly Bly.** Mrs. Gray's seedling. Erect bushy fibrous, hairy. Leaves white hairy, olive green, red beneath. Flowers large pale pink within and red bearded without.75
- Perle Lorraine.** (Bertha von Lothringen) French hybrid. Low bushy fibrous. Leaves dark green marbled with chocolate, beneath a lighter green mottled red. Flowers, numerous in lacy clusters of pink.75
- pink-top.** Origin unknown. Double semperflorens, bright green foliage. Compact growth. Flowers pink with pom-pom centers.50
- Sachens.** From German seed. Small leafed fibrous. Well branched. Bronzy olive green leaves. Flowers bright red.75

- Shasta.** A Robinson seedling. *B. coccinea* variety. Tall fibrous cane-type. Leaves bright green. Flowers large white in pendulous clusters.75
- Sunderbruchi.** Star rhizomatous. Deeply cut leaves marked with darker green to brown blotches. Flowers deep pink on long stems.75

NEW SPECIES

- acetosa.** New from Brazil. Rounded leaf, like velvet it is so thickly covered with white hair. Under leaf a brilliant red. Leaf large round on short stems. Low growing rhizome. Flowers white. 2.00
- Boweri.** Mexico. Introduced by Ziesenhenné. Miniature creeping rhizomatous. Leaf small dark green fringed with long hair and edged with dark markings. Flowers white tinted to pink. 1.00
- Boweri major.** Larger and more robust than *Boweri* with less distinct markings. Inclined to hang. Flowers white. 1.00
- chimborazo.** South America. A.B.S. seed. Creeping rhizome. Roundish peltate leaf with light yellowish green veins. Flowers in clusters of deep pink opening to white. 1.50
- corro Benjo.** New Mexican species lately introduced by Mr. Brooks. rhizomatous. 1.50
- epipsila.** A.B.S. seed. Thick leathery leaf, bronzy red beneath. Flowers white. Excellent bloomer and good hanging basket type. 1.00
- Kenworthyii.** Ziesenhenné introduction. Thick stemmed rhizomatous from Mexico. Ivy-shaped leaf with pinkish gray cast that appears purplish blue when grown in strong light. Flowers pink. 1.00
- Mazae.** Ziesenhenné introduction from Mexico. Upright growing. Few branched. Beautifully marked bronzy leaves dark beneath. Flowers deep pink with red dots. Resents too much water. 1.00
- pustulata.** (silver) Hardest of the *imperialis* group. Introduced by Ziesenhenné from Mexico. Creeping rhizomes. Velour-like leaves in light green gorgeously marked with silver and brown. Flowers white bearded without. 1.00
- pustulata.** (Green) Variation of the above. Dark green leaves with gold-like veins set in the brown markings. 1.00
- Stich-leaf.** Ziesenhenné introduction. Similar to *Mazae*. Distinct with its blanket-stitched leaf. Flowers lacy deep pink on drooping stems. Makes a good hanger. 1.00
- Holly-leaf.** Cuban species with small holly-like leaf, thick and glossy green like English Holly. Small fibrous, well branched. Flowers white tinged with pink.75

NEW HYBRIDS

- Alto-Scharffi.** Woodriff hybrid. Beautiful reddish plush leaves. Many branched fibrous. Entire plant covered with reddish soft hair. Good bloomer with flowers pink opening to paler pink. 1.00
- Fred Brown.** *Mazae* hybrid of Ziesenhenné's Medium rhizomatous. Satiny bronze leaf. Compact grower. Flowers pink. 1.00

- Baby Brown.** Selected seedling of the above hybrid. A Fred Brown in miniature. 1.00
- Freddie.** Ziesenhenné hybrid of *B. Barkeri*. Huge leaves in deep green of this rhizomatous hybrid makes it a wonderful specimen plant. Winter bloomer, pink clusters on tall stems. 1.00
- Joe Hayden.** Another Ziesenhenné hybrid. One of the darkest of the rhizomatous type. Almost black leaf with red back, satiny sheen. Flowers dark pink in tall clusters. Extremely popular. 1.00
- Lu Walter.** *B. incarnata* hybrid of Ziesenhenné's. Bronzy leaves. Medium fibrous. Can be trained to hang. Clusters of pink flowers.75
- Pauline.** Mrs. Frey's *B. Lemminghei* hybrid. Beautiful basket type. Glossy green leaves. Apricot flowers in large clusters. Likes winter rest. 1.00
- Ricky Minter.** Gorgeous crested rhizomatous hybrid of Mrs. Marie Turner's. Dark green to bronze crested leaf with red back. Hardy. Flowers deep pink on tall stems. 1.50
- Skeezar.** Lovely silver leafed small rhizomatous hybrid of Mr. Ziesenhenné's. Heavily silvered on light green. Flowers white. 1.00
- Silver Star.** Star-type rhizomatous. Mrs. Frey's hybrid. Thick rhizome with many leaves making a compact grower. Flowers greenish white. 1.00
- ZeeBowman.** The first hybrid of *B. Boweri*. Produced by Mr. Ziesenhenné in 1951. Small rhizomatous. Silver mottled leaf with red back. Compact grower. Winter bloomer. Flowers delicate pink. Makes an ideal house plant. 1.00

SCHWERTFEGER HYBRIDS

- Helen Krauss.** A *Dayii* hybrid. Medium rhizomatous. Leaves marked in dark chocolate along the veins. Red veins beneath. Flowers in lacy huge drooping clusters, of deep pink. 1.00
- John R.** Large rhizomatous with lettuce green leaves. Veins slightly outlined with brown. Five pointed. Flowers greenish white on tall stems. 1.00
- Zaida.** An *epipsila* hybrid. Medium rhizomatous. Round bronze leaf thick leathery, with bright red back. Flowers in pink clusters. 1.00
- Bel-Air.** A *hydrocotylifolia* hybrid. Small low growing rhizomatous. Round bronze leaf. Flowers pinkish red. 1.00
- Del-Mar.** A *Mazae* hybrid. Light green leaf with dark markings along the veins. Medium rhizomatous. Flowers deep pink. 1.00
- Frances Downing.** A *Dayii* hybrid. Compact rhizomatous. Leaves bronzy green and slightly hairy. Stipules red. Flowers delicate pink. 1.00
- Marie Reed.** *Mazae* X *Kellermani*. Fibrous. Leaf peltate covered with white scurf over bronze. Slightly cupped. Flowers pink. 1.00
- Janet Kay.** *B. Francesii* hybrid. Creeping rhizomes. Leaf veined in light green. Heavily pebbled with a metallic sheen. 1.50
- Elodye.** *B. incarnata* hybrid. Fibrous to semi-tuberous. Stems dark red. Tall, well branched. Leaves long, pointed. Flowers salmon-pink, with long petals 1.00
- Alice-Mac.** *Imperialis* hybrid. Rhizomatous. Leaves large doubly serrated with long points. Flowers chartreuse opening to greenish white. 1.50

- Mac-Alice.** Same as above in lighter green leaf. 1.50
- Spaulding.** A Boweri hybrid. Small rhizomatous. Leaf somewhat round, edged with hair. Dark markings follow the veining. Flowers pink above the foliage 1.00
- The following *B. imperialis* hybrids are compact growers, sending up many leaves from a small rhizome. Ideal for house-plants to grow among the Saint Paulias.
- Nadine.** Small leaf, slightly hairy, covered with silver dots. Has not bloomed as yet. 1.00
- Ione.** Leaf peltate, hairy with yellowish veining. Flowers deep pink opening to white. Green sheath below the cluster. 1.00
- Alma.** Similar to Ione. Not peltate. Leaves more heavily veined. Flowers a lighter pink with sheath below cluster. 1.00
- Elsa.** Leaf dark green with red back. Slightly hairy. Flowers in small clusters of light pink with Mazae red dots. 1.00
- Jane.** Similar to Elsa, but in lighter green and less color in the back of the leaf. 1.00
- Leora.** *B. metallica* cross. Leaf pebbled and with metallic sheen. 1.00

BEGONIA SEED

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| Rex begonia hybrids | <i>B. incana</i> |
| <i>B. Boweri</i> | <i>B. India-spotted</i> |
| <i>B. Boweri major</i> | <i>B. involucreta</i> |
| <i>B. circumlobata</i> | <i>B. imperialis</i> |
| <i>B. chimborazo</i> | <i>B. Kenworthyi</i> |
| <i>B. Dayii</i> | <i>B. laeteviredes</i> |
| <i>B. dipetala</i> | <i>B. laeteviredes-bare</i> |
| <i>B. epipsila</i> | <i>B. Mazae</i> |
| <i>B. Francesii</i> | <i>B. metallica</i> |
| <i>B. dregei</i> | <i>B. stitch-leaf</i> |

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| <i>B. Calla-lily</i> , pink,
red or mixed | <i>B. Scharffiana</i> |
| <i>B. foliosa</i> | <i>B. strigillosa</i> |
| <i>B. incarnata Sandersi</i> | TUBEROUS SPECIES |
| <i>B. Kellermani</i> | <i>B. boliviensis</i> |
| <i>B. Rubro-venia</i> | <i>B. evansiana</i> ,
white or pink |
| <i>B. rupicola</i> | <i>B. Pearcei</i> |

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| <i>B. acutangularis</i> | <i>B. Richardsiana</i> |
| <i>B. acuminata</i> | <i>B. roezli</i> |
| <i>B. Columbia</i> ,
species No. 17 | <i>B. Schmidtiana</i> |
| <i>B. francola</i> | <i>B. subvillosa</i> |
| <i>B. hirtella</i> | <i>B. Manda's Woolley</i>
Bear |
| <i>B. macBethi</i> | <i>B. Zebrina</i> |

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